GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Dept. – Proposal for diversion of 0.80 ha of forest land for laying Optical Fiber Cable along the road within the Right of Way (RoW) is passing through the forest land involving 0.118 ha in Mallavaram RF, Compt.Nos. 493 & 494 in Sudikonda Range and 0.68 ha in Sileru PF, Compt.Nos. 730 & 732 and Batchuluru RF, Compt.Nos. 1, 2, 3, 6 & 8 in Rampachodavaram Range of Kakinda Division in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., Visakhapatnam – Final (**Stage-II)** approval accorded - Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SECTION.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.23 **Dated: 19.04.2021.**
Read the following:-

1. From the PCCF(HoFF), Lr.Rc.No.EFS02-15026/04/2019/FCA-SEC/PCCF/FCA-1, Dated: 28.10.2019.
2. Guidelines issued by GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, Lr.F.No.5-2/2017-FC, dated.28.03.2019.
3. G.O.Ms.No.11, EFS&T (Sec.II) Dept., dt.04.06.2020.
4. From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Rc.No.EFS02-15026/4/2019/FCA-SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, Dated: 30.12.2020.

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ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Andhra Pradesh, has submitted a proposal under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 0.80 ha of forest land for laying Optical Fiber Cable along the road within the Right of Way (RoW) which is passing through the forest land involving 0.118 ha in Mallavaram RF, Compt.Nos. 493 & 494 in Sudikonda Range and 0.68 ha in Sileru PF, Compt.Nos.730 & 732 and Batchuluru RF, Compt.Nos. 1, 2, 3, 6 & 8 in Rampachodavaram Range of Kakinda Division in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., Visakhapatnam and requested to accord approval in view of the guidelines issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, in the letter 2nd read above under general approval category.

2. In exercise of the powers delegated by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, in the letter 2nd read above, accordingly Government in the G.O.3rd read above, have accorded **in-principle (Stage-I)** approval under section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.80 ha of forest land for laying Optical Fiber Cable along the road within the Right of Way (RoW) which is passing through the forest land involving 0.118 ha in Mallavaram RF, Compt.Nos. 493 & 494 in Sudikonda Range and 0.68 ha in Sileru PF, Compt.Nos.730 & 732 and Batchuluru RF, Compt.Nos.1, 2, 3, 6 & 8 in Rampachodavaram Range of Kakinda Division in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., Visakhapatnam, subject to fulflment of certain conditions.

3. In the letter 4th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has submitted the compliance report on the conditions stipulated in in-principle (Stage-I) approval and requested the Government to accord final (Stage-II) approval under section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the project.

4. Government, after careful examination of the proposal and in exercise of the powers delegated to State Government in the guidelines issued by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, in the letter 2nd read above, hereby accord Final (Stage-II) approval for diversion of 0.80 ha of forest land for laying Optical Fiber Cable along the road within the Right of Way (RoW) which is passing through the forest land involving 0.118 ha in Mallavaram RF, Compt.Nos. 493 & 494 in Sudikonda Range and 0.68 ha in Sileru PF, Compt.Nos.730 & 732 and Batchuluru RF, Compt.Nos. 1, 2, 3, 6 & 8 in Rampachodavaram Range of Kakinda Division in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., Visakhapatnam, subject to the following conditions:-

(i) The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;

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(ii) Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be paid by the User Agency.

(iii) Other conditions specified in the handbook of guidelines issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, letter Dated 28.03.2019, shall also be complied with by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forests Force, Andhra Pradesh, and User Agency with which they are concerned;

(iv) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.8 Ha. In case the land is not taken over by the user agency or the same is not used for the stipulated purpose within a period of two years, then the area in question shall be taken back by the Forest Department;

(v) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by Ministry's letter No.5-2/2017-FC, dated 28.03.2019.

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

VIJAY KUMAR GSRKR
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
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The Chief Conservator of Forests,
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The Divisional Forest Officer, Kakinada Division.

M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm. Limited.,
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The P.S.to Hon'ble M(E, FES&T)

The P.S to Secretary to Government, EFS&T Dept.,

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